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SUBJECT.

A.R.P. Emergency Measures. —
Letter from the Secretary, Mysore Chamber of Commerce.

J.P.M. Kinchman.
14.2.42

Serial No. 1

From The Secretary. The Mysore Chamber of Commerce.
Letter no 1812 d 7th Jany 42 re: ARP emergency measures.

The main suggestions are (1) strengthening the Police Force and Civic Guards for patrolling during black outs (2) altering the working hours of Govt offices etc from 10 A.M to 4 P.M (3) Constructing Air raid shelters in important places and making known the A.R.P measures to the public by means of lectures etc and that adequate facilities for importing essential commodities into the city should be arranged by having a sufficient no of railway wagons etc. Subd for perusal and orders as to the action to be taken in the matter

(RS 81)

may be sent to the D.C.P. for remarks on recent measures for protection of persons & property.

The other suggestions contained in the letter relates to (1) provision of air raid shelters for storing food grains etc (2) Change of working hours of offices (3) Facilities for importing essential commodities into the City.

No change of working hours

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Some earlier for first aid purpose. Each case must provide separate licence. In view of the action taken by recent air raids & bombardments the rules & regulations should be revised & brought up to date. There may be no fear of bombing. The merchants should also be in the know that the Govt. are not going to hand out & they should also cooperate & provide facilities.

As regards transport facilities there might be arranged for in consultation with the Railway authorities of specific cases are brought to notice.

8.1.42

Submitted.

A copy of the letter of the Chamber of Commerce may be sent to the G.S.P. for his remarks.

Law ministry) Extract of paragraph 8, Secretary's note sent also to the G.M. Rly.

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The I.G.P and the M.S.Rly have been requested to attend the meeting on Monday. A copy of the letter will be sent to the I.G.P for information and G.M. Rly for remarks.

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Issued No 1450/W dt 10.1.42 to the I.G.P.
" No 1451/W " to the G.M., M.S.Rly.

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Serial No.

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From The D. C. Bldr
C.C. 129/41-42 d 13th Jan. 42 stating that arrangements have been made for the Police Van patrolling checkpost at
The G. M. M. S. Rly
124227 27th Jan. 42 with scuffs of wagons.

Subd for perusal.

PS 29/1

Shortage of wagons, if true, is a difficulty which cannot be solved all of a sudden, especially now when the demands on existing rolling stock are growing. The General Manager may however be requested to issue instructions to Officers of the Rly to see that loading and unloading of wagons are done as expeditiously as possible. A "Keep Wagons Moving" Campaign is being carried on over Indian Railways at present.

Chief Secretary) Sec 30/1/42

Law Minister / Hon'ble Revenue Minister } MS 30/1/42

Considering the no of wagons the Rly authorities are doing their best to obtain additional demands.

Sec 31/1

Minister for Rly with compliments Sec 5/2 31/1

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NOTE—Contn. Sheet.
Returned from the Minister's office with instructions to proceed as noted on 5/2/42

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May be submitted to Mr J. M. Mbeere

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Sir Jonah

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This will now be returned to the Chief Secty (War Section).

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War Information Officer

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
Date 7.2.42
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RAILWAY AGENCY
No.
Date 12.2.42

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1812

TELEPHONE NO. 2226

THE MYSORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MEMBER OF:
THE FEDERATION OF INDIAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, INDIA
THE FEDERATION OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, LONDON
THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INDIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, PARIS
THE INDIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN GREAT BRITAIN, LONDON

Bangalore City, 7th January 194 2

From

The Secretary,
Mysore Chamber of Commerce,
Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Law Department, Bangalore.

Sir,

Re: A.R.P. Emergency Measures.

I am desired by the Committee to represent to Government the following facts in regard to the security of life and property should there be an Air raid at any time in our State, more specially in Bangalore.

2. The Government have ordered a black out since 1st January 1942 as an experimental measure. While the Committee agree that experiments of this kind are needed in the interests of ultimate safety, they desire to make it known to Government that black outs generally are likely to give room to thefts, more particularly in the different business quarters of the City. It has already been noticed that gangs of suspicious characters are going up and down the streets and lanes of Chickpet, Dodpet, Avenue Road, New Tharagupet and Old Tharagupet. It has been reported that minor thefts have already occurred in Diwan Surappa's Lane or thereabouts and it may be that they will increase as opportunities offer themselves in the future with the progress of the black out. It is, therefore, deemed necessary that the movements of these undesirable characters should be carefully watched, especially during black outs. Business people in the City, in view of the black outs, will have to

close there business early and go home before night fall. The Committee feel that the number of constables and Civil Guards watching the different business quarters should be increased, so that the police may keep a vigilant eye on all shops in the City during the periods of black out and during nights generally. Police beat in the different Extensions also has to be increased, so that thefts may not occur in buildings.

3. It is needless to state that black outs are likely to lead to accidents. Arrangements should be made to carefully control the traffic especially after nightfall and instructions may perhaps be issued through the Daily Press for diverting and indeed lessening, if possible, vehicular traffic during black outs. Every necessary and possible convenience should be provided to reach home before darkness sets in. The earlier opening of Public Offices, Schools and generally of all working institutions and earlier closing, as suggested below, may perhaps facilitate matters much.

4. All hospitals and dispensaries in the different parts of the City should be adequately equipped so that in cases of emergency they may be in a position to render prompt and needful medical aid.

5. Merchants are showing an increased tendency today of a certain nervousness in regard to stocking of goods owing to the panick created by looting in certain parts of Southern India generally. Scarcity of essential commodities owing to scare among merchants may lead to serious results. The necessity for stocking primary commodities cannot and need be over-emphasized. The population of Bangalore is increasing as people from the Provinces of Madras and Bengal are coming here in large numbers owing to the growing scare there. It is, therefore, felt necessary that Government should provide suitable safe places where things could be stored without any fear of being destroyed or stolen.

6. With a view to minimising traffic as far as possible, after nightfall, the question of altering the working hours of Government offices and Public institutions of all kinds from 11 A. M to 5 P.M. to 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. may possibly be considered at an early date. This would enable the employees to reach their houses before dark. The merchants may also be advised to open earlier and close earlier their daily work.

7. The necessity for a large number of Air raid shelters in all parts of the City need hardly be emphasized. Such shelters should be arranged for near Schools and Colleges, Shops and Industrial Quarters, Government offices and Public Institutions. Instructions regarding the use of these shelters should be made known to the public from time to time. Arrangements should also be made to deliver periodical lectures, both in Kannada and English, by selected A.R.P. Officers, so that there may be no misapprehension in the minds of the general public as to what it means, how people are expected to co-operate with the A.R.P. officials in their own interests.

8. It has been represented to the Chamber by merchants that the necessary stock could not be held here owing to the scarcity of Railway wagons. Motor transport has become almost impossible on account of the stringent rationing of petrol. Other forms of transport are of little use to merchants in Bangalore, whose orders amount to thousands of maunds. The only mode of transport to Bangalore, under the present circumstances is through the Railway and if wagons in sufficient numbers, are not made available, the position of merchants and consumers may be easily imagined. Urging the excuse of transport difficulties, room may be created for unscrupulous dealers for inflating the prices of commodities. The Committee, accordingly earnestly request Government that adequate facilities for importing essential commodities into the City should be early arranged.

9. The Committee desire to add that they are quite alive to

to the inconvenience that may be caused to Government to meet the above requirements without delay. But they cannot help urging for necessary aid in the existing circumstances. The members of the Committee, both individually and collectively, are ready to co-operate with the Authorities of the Government and do everything that it is in their power so that safety to life and limb and security to property may be ensured at all times.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. Shamsuddin

Secretary.

ARV.

1044/W.

No. 1824 Mer

I have fixed 3 PM on Saturday the 24th inst.

Chief Sec 4 may kindly be present & also may request Director of Civil Defence & Director of Supplies & Prices.

Bangalore. 9th January 1942.

9-1-42

My Dear Sir,

9.1.42

I am desired to state that the President, Members of the Committee accompanied by other representative merchants of the City desire to wait on you in Deputation to make certain representations in connection with the A.R.P. Emergency measures announced. They would particularly desire to lay before you the following points among others for considerations:-

(1) Increasing Police protection in the City and its Extensions:

(2) Arrangements for providing Air Raid Shelters:

(3) Alteration of working hours in Government Offices and Public institutions generally:

(4) Arrangements for providing increased Medical aid at suitable centres in the City and the Extensions;

(5) Control of vehicular traffic after nightfall during black-outs;

(6) Arrangements for importing and storing primary products;

(7) Publicity for steps taken by Government to safeguard life and property and the co-operation expected from the Public;

(8) Arrangements for publicity in the matter, A.R.P. Pamphlets including public lectures by A.R.P.Officers; &c.

I am to request that you will be so good as to kindly let me know your pleasure in the matter and the day and hour which might prove convenient to you to receive the Deputation. Any early day and hour will suit the Deputation.

Yours sincerely,

K. Ramanathan

Rajasevaprasakta
A. V. Ramanathan, Esq., B.A.,
Minister for Law, Bangalore.

ARV.

D.O 1446-47/W.

9th January 42

I am desired to state that the Minister for Law is meeting the President and Members of the Committee of the Mysore Chamber of Commerce on Monday the 12th January 1942 at 3 P.M., to discuss with them matters connected with A.R.P. measures, additional police protection in Bangalore, control of vehicular traffics during black-outs, measures taken by Government to protect life and property during times of emergency, etc. I am to request you to be present at the meeting.

I.G. of Police

10th January 1942.

No. 1450/W.
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The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

In continuation of D.O. letter No.1446-47/W dated the 9th January 1942 requesting you to be present at the meeting of the Law Minister with the President and Members of the Committee of the Mysore Chamber of Commerce, I am directed to forward for your information a copy of letter No.1812 dated the 7th January 1942 received from the Secretary, The Mysore Chamber of Commerce regarding A.R.P. Emergency measures.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.

10th January 1942.

No. 1451/W
Encl.

The General Manager,
Mysore State Railway.

I am directed to forward for your information an extract of paragraph 8 from letter No.1812 dated the 7th January 1942 received from the Secretary, The Mysore Chamber of Commerce, and to request you to kindly furnish your remarks in the matter very early.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

For Chief Secretary to Government.

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Mr. M. SESHADRI, M.A.,
Deputy Commissioner.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
BANGALORE,

Dated 13th January 1942.

D. O. C.C. 129/41-42

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16. JAN. 1942
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No 7214

Secretariat
Law Minister 1115 15/1/42
Dewan 16/1/1942

Dear Mr. Kesaviengar,

Referring to the discussions which the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce had yesterday evening, with the 1115 17/1/42 Law Minister, I write to say that arrangements have been made for the Police Van patrolling Dodpet, Chickpet, Tharagupet, and other business centres in the old City during the day. Additional patrols have been put on during nights also.

Yours sincerely,

M. Seshadri

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR LAW

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE GENERAL MANAGER, MYSORE STATE RAILWAY, MYSORE, BY TITLE, NOT BY NAME

MYSORE STATE RAILWAY

TEL. ADDRESS:— "STATERAIL"
TELEPHONE No: PERSONAL 223. OFFICE 395.

GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE,

Mysore, 27 January, 1942.

No. 12422/Fl.

Encls.

112A/W

CHIEF SECRETARY. 29. JAN. 1942 To GOVT. OF MYSORE.

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

Re: Supply of Wagons.

With reference to your letter No.1451/W dated 10-1-1942, forwarding an extract of paragraph 8 from letter dated 7-1-42 received from the Secretary, The Mysore Chamber of Commerce, for remarks, I have the honour to state that the complaint is on the vague side. It is true that the position as regards wagons is not satisfactory on any Indian Railway including ours. We are doing our best to move traffic with the available stock of wagons and no traffic has been held up for long except export traffic to Bombay and some other portions of Northern India which are contonuously restricted by the